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*File CB 63-76*

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19 September 1963

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Secretary of Commerce  
Department of Commerce

**SUBJECT :** Large Soviet Purchase of Canadian Wheat

1. I think you will find the attached report particularly helpful in evaluating the recent Soviet undertaking to purchase Canadian wheat and flour. The sizeable Soviet expenditures in hard currency required by this agreement and by the recent wheat purchase from Australia, together with the foreign exchange outlays which would result from the huge purchase of chemical fertilizer equipment currently being negotiated with the Japanese, attest to the seriousness of Khrushchev's intentions to improve food supplies. In view of the difficult balance of payment situation faced by the Soviets in recent years, it seems certain that these purchases will be at the expense of imports for other priority sectors of the economy.

2. This paper argues against the thesis that the Soviets were engaged in pre-emptive buying against the Chinese. It seems certain that this agreement was intended to relieve the tight grain situation within the USSR and to assist the Soviet Union to meet its export commitments to the European Satellites and Cuba. Moreover, it tends to support our estimate that official Soviet data on grain production in recent years has been substantially overstated.

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**RAY S. CLINE**  
Deputy Director (Intelligence)

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